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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition filed October 1, 2010 under 37 CFR 1.378(c)<sup>1</sup>, to accept the delayed payment of the maintenance fee for the above-identified patent and to change the entity status.

The petition under 37 CFR 1.378 (c) is **GRANTED**.

The patent issued on December 14, 2004. The first maintenance fee due could have been paid during the period from December 14, 2007 to June 16, 2008 or, with a surcharge during the period from June 17, 2008 to December 14, 2008. Accordingly, this patent expired on December 14, 2008 for failure to timely remit the first maintenance fee.

Accordingly, the maintenance fee in this case is hereby accepted and the above-identified patent is hereby reinstated as of the mail date of this decision. Fees in the amount of \$490.00 for the first maintenance fee and \$1,640.00 for the surcharge have been charged to the credit card provided.

In response to the request under 37 CFR 1.27(g)(2) and notification of loss of entitlement to small entity status, status as a Small Entity has been removed.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to the undersigned Petitions Attorney at (571) 272-3212.

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<sup>1</sup> 37 CFR 1.378 (c) provides that a petition to accept an unintentionally delayed payment of a maintenance fee must be filed within twenty-four months of the six-month grace period provided in § 1.362(e) and must include:

- (1) The required maintenance fee set forth in § 1.20(e) through (g);
- (2) The surcharge set forth in § 1.20(i)(2); and
- (3) A statement that the delay in payment of the maintenance fee was unintentional.